(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Government intends to set up an interim Media Advisory Board, consisting of distinguished persons to oversee the functioning of All India Radio and Doordax-shan, pending formation of Prasar Bharati.

(b) Selection of persons for Advisory Board is in process.

Kashmir militants' attempts to engineer communal violence

*218. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA-JI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the militants of Kashmir have identified some parts of the country to engineer communal violence; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps have been taken to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) and (b) Some of the militant secessionist groups have been indulging in acts of violence calculated to foment communal trouble in certain parts of the country. State Governments concerned have been alerted to keep close watch on the situation and take precautionary steps.

Conversion of Gopalpur port into a major port

*219. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPA-TRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to convert Gopalpur minor port in the State of Orissa into a major port;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented; and

.(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINSTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNI-KRISHNAN)v (a) to (c) There is no proposal presently with the Central Government to convert Gopalpur Port into a Major Port. However, the State Government has proposed to develop this port as an All Weather Port but no time frame has been indicated for such a development. •

The responsibility for the development and management of Gopalpur which is a minor port vests with the State Government.

श्रीलंका में भारत विरोधी रैली

*220 श्री राम नरेश यादव :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 21 अप्रैल, 1990 के दैनिक "हिन्दू" में "पुट इंडिया रैली इन श्रीलंका" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इसमें भारत-विरोधी और कश्मीरी अलगाववादियों के समर्थन में नारे लगाये गये ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या है ; और

(घ) सरकार द्वारा विदेशों में ऐसे भारत विरोधी तत्वों की गतिविधियों को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं तथा इस संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुजराल) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) जी हां, कोलम्बो में इस्लामी हित अनुभाग के बन्द किए जाने के स्वागत के सिलसिले में एक मस्जिद में आयोजित एक बैठक में इस तरह के कुछ नारे लगाए गए थे ।

(घ) सरकार कश्मीर के संबंध में अपनी नीति से और पाकिस्तान का प्रोत्साहन और समर्थन पाकर जम्मू तथा कश्मीर में आतंकवाद और तोड़-फोड़ की कार्रवाइयों की वजह से उत्पन्न मौजूदा स्थिति से विदेशी सरकारों को और जनमत को अवगत कराती रही है और कराती रहेगी ।

प्रधान मंत्री की विदेश यात्राएं

836. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि आगामी तीन महीनों के दौरान प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा की जाने वाली विदेश यात्राओं का कार्यक्रम क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुजराल) : प्रधान मंत्री का गुटनिरपेक्ष देशों के जी-15 शिखर-सम्मेलन में भाग लेने के लिए 1 से 3 जून, 1990 तक कुआलालम्पुर (मलेशिया) जाने का कार्यक्रम है । वे 4 से 5 जून 1990 तक द्विपक्षीय यात्रा के लिए कुआलालम्पुर में ठहरेंगे ।

Private sector participation in the transpert sector

837. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the private sector participation in the transport sector as one of the steps to achieve six percent growth rate in the eighth plan;

(b) if SO, what are the broad areas for the participation; and

(c) if not, what are the other areas for consideration?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNI-KRISHNAN): (a) to (c.) Private sector is already participating in many areas of the transport sector.

Many areas including participating in the construction and financing of the critical corsridars of Natdonail Highway System are under the consideration of the Government.

This would "however depend on the finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan.

Amendment hi the Merchant Shipping Legislation

838. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH; Will the Minister of SURFACE TBANS-TORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from representative Business 'Organisations regarding the amendment of the Cabotage Provision in the merchant shipping legislation;

(b) if so, What steps have been taken by Government to amend the •Cabotage Provision; and

(c) whether the amendments enable the containers to be trans-shipped at major ports?

THE MINISTER: OF SURFACE! TRANSPORT ('SHRI K. P. UNNI-KEISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) .and (c) A Committee *has* been set up to study various aspects including the extent to which relaxation of Cabotage provisions will enable containers to be transhipped 8t major ports. The final report of this Committee is awaited.